

## Bella Vista Radio Club Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2024

1. The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jan Hagan, WB5JAN

2. New Member and Guest Introductions were conducted by Tom Northfell, W5XNA

3. Glenn Kilpatrick, WB5L said a few words In Remembrance of Alan Katz, KE0QFO and a moment of silence was held in his honor

4. Jan Hagan, WB5JAN conducted the **BVRC Business Meeting**. The following reports were given:

A) The Secretary's Report and Previous Minutes as recorded by Dana Hill, W5DGH, were acknowledged and approved unanimously by the membership.

B) The Membership Report was given by Tom Northfell, W5XNA. There are 219 members to date.

C) The January 4, 2024, Treasurer Report was submitted by Marc Whittlesey, WØKYZ and included the following:

Previous Balance \$3876.55(from Dec/2023 report)

Dues Collected    \$178.71

Additional Banquet Donations: \$385.00

Club Donations: \$100.00

Disbursements    \$1,285.12 (banquet food)

TOTAL \$3,255.14

Arvest account \$1,532.12

PayPal account \$1,603.02

Petty Cash \$120.00

## **Current Balance \$3,255.14**

D) The VE Program Report was submitted by Don Cooper, KC7DC and included:

Springdale Session – December 9th:

Mary Janacek – KFØOLR – Battlefield, MO – New Technician

Todd Allen – KJ5DOZ – Eureka Springs – New Technician

Lynn Freeman – KG5NYF – Fayetteville – General Class Upgrade

Brendan Nangle – KFØLXZ – Drury, MO – Amateur Extra Upgrade

Bella Vista Session - December 16<sup>th</sup>:

James Strawn - KF0ONP - Nevada, MO - New Technician

James Bevard - KJ5DTA - Springdale - New Technician

Stephanie Bevard - KJ5DSZ - Tontitown - New Technician

Brandon Bevard - KJ5DTB - Tontitown - New General

Jeffrey Bushey - KJ5DSF - Bentonville - New General

Todd Allen - KJ5DOZ - Eureka Springs - General Class Upgrade

Jim Venske - K0VEN - Shell Knob, MO - General Class Upgrade

Duane Roy - KJ5CPH - Holiday Island - General Class Upgrade

Stephen Ponder - KJ5BWG - Springdale - Amateur Extra Upgrade

**All candidates were successful.**

5. Feature Club Presentation was conducted via Google Meet by **Ward Silver – NØAX**

Jan Hagan, WB5JAN introduced the presenter: “Ward has authored many amateur radio books of which two of his very popular ones are ‘Grounding and Bonding’ which is now in its 2nd Edition and “Ham Radio for Dummies”, now in its 4th Edition. Ward has a vast wealth of amateur radio knowledge from equipment to operating to antennas.

Ward first became a ham in 1972 as a Novice with the callsign WNØGQP. Since then, amateur radio has taken him all over the world. He especially enjoys contesting and has operated with teams at many of the “big gun” stations around the U.S. He has been awarded the Bill Orr Technical Writing Award from the ARRL twice in 2003 and 2016. Join us for what should be an outstanding presentation by Ward.”

Ward's topic for the evening was on one of the currently hot antennas being sold and used by amateur operators, the End Fed Half Wave (EFHW).

6. Jan Hagan, WB5JAN asked the membership about any Gear Exchange Announcements. Some members mentioned items they had to give away or sell.

7. Club Door Prize Announcements were presented by Don Banta, K5DB

8. Adjournment

**The next BVRC Club meeting is:**

**Thursday, February 1, 2024**

See you there!

Recorded by: Dana Hill, W5DGH